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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: July 18, 2013

SUBJECT: Status of the Planning & Design for the Middle Beach Recreational Corridor

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The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to provide a status update on the planning and design schedule for the Middle Beach Recreational Corridor (MBRC) Project, which will consist of an at-grade ADA-accessible coastal pathway connecting 46th Street to Allison Park at 64th Street.

The MBRC path will be constructed on State owned lands along the west side of the coastal dunes, east of oceanfront properties and east of the Coastal Construction Control Line (CCCL) and Erosion Control Line (ECL) on State owned lands. The path will be constructed in accordance with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) coastal construction regulations. The purpose of the State's CCCL permit is to minimize the adverse impacts of construction in the coastal zone. The CCCL permitting process is a lengthy, complex process that includes thorough review of the project design and inclusion of appropriate mitigation to impacted resources. For this project, non-native dune vegetation will be removed and replaced with dune enhancements such as native dune vegetation species and beach compatible dune fill. Path lighting will meet Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's marine turtle nesting requirements.

Calvin, Giordano and Associates (CGA) was retained to complete the design and permitting of the MBRC. The site survey work was completed in May 2013. Community outreach began early on in the design process. CGA and the City have presented the project to the Mid-Beach Neighborhood Alliance and have met individually with the adjacent property owners. The conceptual design will be finalized next week and will be presented to FDEP in a pre-consultation meeting later this month. The purpose of the pre-consultation meeting is to identify potential design concerns and minimize the number of Requests for Additional Information during the permitting process. The 30% Construction Drawings will be complete by September 2013 and the FDEP CCCL permit will be submitted at that time. Once the 30% design plans have been submitted, the FDEP CCCL permitting process is estimated to take between 9 to 18 months to complete.

At this point, the project is approximately two months ahead of schedule. Thus, the City anticipates construction bid and award in December 2014.

Construction of this corridor will be phased in three sequential segments in conjunction with Florida Department of Transportation Local Agency Program funding. Phase I will construct from 47th Street to 53rd Street. Phase II will construct from 53rd Street to 58th Street, and Phase III from 58th Street to 64th Street. Depending on funding, the City could bid each of these phases sequentially or simultaneously.

Staff will continue to work with the design consultant and the various state agencies to keep this project on schedule.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Attachment: Middle Beach Recreation Corridor Site Map



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